

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4771**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Contraceptive Rights		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (see below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (see below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4771 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 118 to Title 44 to enact the "Responsible Family Planning Act." The Bill defines "conception" as the onset of implantation of the fertilized egg. The Bill defines "contraception" as the prevention of conception. The Bill declares it is the policy of this State that consenting individuals have the right to obtain and use safe and effective contraceptives without governmental interference.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

DHHS indicates section 44-118-30 (B) (2) of the Bill would prohibit it from limiting the types of "safe and effective contraceptives" available on the market. The emergency contraceptive known as Plan B is FDA approved but is not currently covered (as a matter of policy) under this State's Medicaid plan. DHHS reports there are 259,401 Medicaid eligibles between the ages of 10 and 55 who are not receiving family planning services. Of this population, it is estimated that 25% or 64,850 eligibles could potentially use emergency contraceptives. Based on this estimate, a total cost of \$2,413,727 may be anticipated. The family planning match rate under the Medicaid program is approximately 10% State / 90% Federal match. Therefore, the impact on the General Fund is estimated at \$241,373 while federal funds are estimate at \$2,172,354.

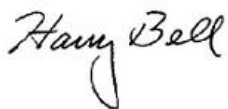
Other Agencies

The Departments of Health & Environmental Control and Social Services as well as the State Department of Education each indicate there would be no fiscal impact on each of their agencies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

Approved by:



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